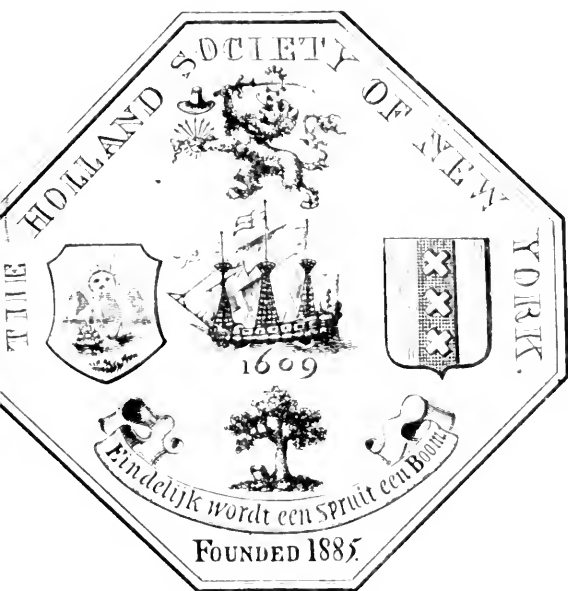


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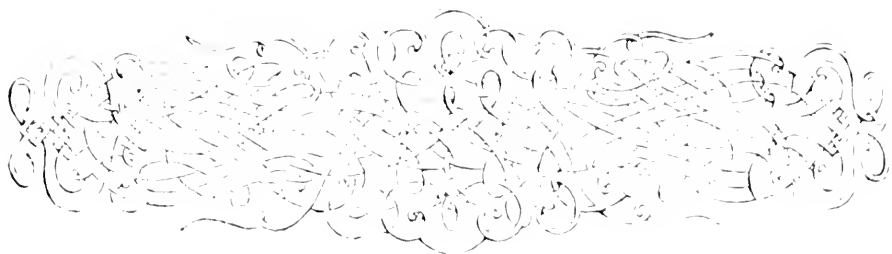
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Articles of Incorporation.

The Holland Society of New York.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

WE, the undersigned, being of full age, citizens of the United States and also citizens of the State of New York, desire to form ourselves into a society for social purposes, in accordance with the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act for the incorporation of societies or clubs for certain

lawful purposes," passed May 12, 1875, and we do hereby certify :

NAME.

FIRST. The name or title by which said Society shall be known in law, is

THE HOLLAND SOCIETY OF NEW YORK.

BUSINESS AND OBJECT.

SECOND. The object of the Society shall be,

First. To collect and preserve information respecting the early history and settlement of the City and State of New York by the Dutch, and to discover, collect, and preserve all still existing documents, monuments, etc., relating to their genealogy and history.

Second. To perpetuate the memory and foster and promote the principles and virtues of the Dutch ancestors of its members, and to promote social intercourse among the latter.

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Fourth. To cause statedly to be prepared and read before the Society, papers, essays, etc., on questions in the history or genealogy of the Dutch in America.

Fifth. To cause to be prepared and published, when the requisite materials have been discovered and procured, collections for a memorial history of the Dutch in America, wherein shall be particularly set forth the part belonging to that element in the growth and development of American character, institutions, and progress.

TRUSTEES.

THIRD. The number of Trustees to manage the affairs of the Society shall be twenty.

The names of the Trustees for the first year are as follows :

HOOVER C. VAN VORST,	ABRAHAM VAN SANTVOORD,
GEORGE M. VAN HOESEN,	The Rev. Dr. VAN DYKE, Jr.,
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GEORGE W. VAN SICKEN,	PHILIP VAN VOLKENBURGH, Jr.,
LUCAS L. VAN ALLEN,	ALFRED VAN SANTVOORD,

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals, this fourteenth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five.

AARON J. VANDERPOEL,	ABRAHAM VAN SANTVOORD,
JOHN E. VAN NOSTRAND,	ROBT. W. VAN BOSKERCK,
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 CORNELIUS VAN BRUNT,
 EDWIN E. VAN AUKEN.

STATE OF NEW YORK,) ss.:
 City and County of New York,)

On the 14th day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, before me personally came Aaron J. Vanderpoel, David Van Nostrand, John E. Van Nostrand, L. L. Van Allen, Gilbert S. Van Pelt, Frank F. Van Derveer, A. B. Vandusen, Robert B. Van Vleck, Edgar B. Van Winkle, Hooper C. Van Vorst, Richard Van Santvoord, M. D., Geo. Van Wagenen, Abraham Van Santvoord, Geo. W. Van Sielen, and Robt. W. Van Boskerek, to me known to be the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing certificate, and who severally acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

GEORGE M. VAN HOESEN,

Judge of the Court of Common
 Pleas for the City and County
 of New York.

STATE OF NEW YORK, 1885.
City and County of New York, ss.:

On this 29th day of April, A. D. 1885, before me personally came George G. De Witt, Jr., Thomas S. Van Volkenburgh, Wilhelmus Mynderse, William M. Hoes, George W. Van Slyck, Robert B. Roosevelt, John R. Van Derveer, Jacob Wendell, Elisha W. Vanderhoof, Henry C. Van Vechten, Philip Van Volkenburgh, Jr., Jenkins Van Schaick, Henry D. Van Orden, Benjamin F. Vosburgh, and Alexander T. Van Nest, to me known and known to me to be the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing certificate, and severally acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the purposes therein mentioned.

A. FRED. SILVERSTONE,

Com'r of Deeds,

N. Y. City.

City and County of New York, ss.:

On this 15th day of April, 1885, before me personally came George M. Van Hoesen, to me personally known to be one of the signers of the foregoing certificate of incorporation, and to be one of the individuals described in and who executed such certificate, and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein mentioned.

HENRY WILDER ALLEN,

Judge of the Court of Common
Pleas for the City and County
of New York.

STATE OF NEW YORK,) ss. :
 City and County of New York,)

On this 17th day of April, 1885, before me personally came Herman W. Vander Poel and W. A. Ogden Hegeman, to me known and known to me to be the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

JOHN J. FINNEY,
 Notary Public,
 N. Y. and Kings Cos.

STATE OF NEW YORK,) ss. :
 City and County of New York,)

On this 23d day of April, 1885, before me personally came A. H. Van Sinderen, to me known and known to me to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

JOHN J. FINNEY,
 Notary Public,
 Kings and N. Y. Cos.

STATE OF NEW YORK,) ss. :
 City and County of New York,)

On this 24th day of April, 1885, before me personally came Wm. Van Wyck, A. H. Vanderpoel, and Warner Van Norden and H. Van Schaick, to me known and known to me to be the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

JOHN J. FINNEY,
 Notary Public,
 Kings and N. Y. Cos.

STATE OF NEW YORK, 1885.
City and County of New York, 1885.

On this 25th day of April, 1885, before me personally came Arthur M. Jacobus, M. D., H. S. Van Duzer, A. K. Van Vleck, W. W. Van Voorhis, C. Van Brunt, Kiliaen Van Rensselaer, and Edwin E. Van Auken, to me known and known to me to be the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

JOHN J. FINSEY,

Cert. filed N. Y. Co.

Notary Public,
Kings Co.

New York, April 30, 1885.

I consent to and approve of the filing of the within certificate.

C. DONOHUE,

J. S. C.

STATE OF NEW YORK, 1885.
City and County of New York, 1885.

I, Patrick Keenan, Clerk of the said City and County and Clerk of the Supreme Court of said State for said County, do hereby certify that the certificate of incorporation of The Holland Society of New York, with acknowledgments thereto annexed, was filed and recorded in this office on the thirtieth of April, 1885.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed
my name and affixed my official seal, this 9th
L. S. | day of June, 1885.

PATRICK KEENAN,

Clerk.

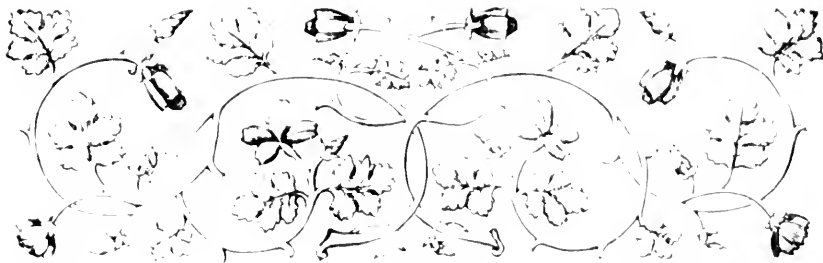
STATE OF NEW YORK,)
 City and County of New York,) ss. :

It is hereby certified that the certificate of incorporation of The Holland Society of New York, with acknowledgments thereto annexed, was filed and recorded in this office on the first day of May, 1885.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of office of the Secretary of State, at the City of Albany, this
 [L. s.] 1st day of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five.

JOSEPH B. CARR,
 Secretary of State.





Constitution.

ADOPTED APRIL 30, 1885.

AMENDED JUNE 15, 1886.

AMENDED MAY 31, 1887.

ARTICLE I.

Name.

SECTION I. This organization shall be called

THE HOLLAND SOCIETY OF NEW YORK.

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ARTICLE III

Members.

SECTION 1. No one shall be eligible as a member unless he be of full age, of respectable standing in society, of good moral character, and the descendant in the direct male line

of a Dutchman who was a native or resident of New York or of the American colonies prior to the year 1675. This shall include those of other former nationalities who found in Holland a refuge or a home, and whose descendants in the male line came to this country as Dutch settlers, speaking Dutch as their native tongue. This shall also include descendants in the male line of Dutch settlers who were born within the limits of Dutch settlements, and descendants in the male line of persons who possessed the rights of Dutch citizenship within Dutch settlements in America, prior to the year 1675; also any descendant in the direct male line of a Dutchman, one of whose descendants became a member of this Society prior to June 16, 1886.

ARTICLE IV.

Officers.

SECTION 1. A President, a Vice-President for each original Dutch Centre or Settlement in America, a Secretary and a Treasurer shall be chosen at each annual meeting, and shall hold office for one year, and until their successors are elected. There shall also be chosen from its members twenty Trustees. Those elected at the first election shall divide themselves into four classes of five each; one class to hold office one year, the second class for two years, the third class for three years, and the fourth class for four years next thereafter. At each annual meeting thereafter there shall be chosen five Trustees to fill the place of the class whose term will then expire. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be filled by one person.

SECTION 2. All elections shall be by ballot, under the direction of inspectors, to be appointed by the President, and a plurality of votes shall elect.

ARTICLE V.

Powers and Duties of Officers.

SECTION 1. The President of the Society, and in his absence the Vice-President for New York City, shall authorize the call for all meetings of the Trustees, and of the Society, and appoint the place of each meeting, and shall exercise the usual functions of a presiding officer.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Society shall notify each Trustee of all meetings of the Trustees, and each member of the Society of every meeting of the Society; issue all other authorized notices to members; make and keep a true record of all meetings of the Trustees and Society, and of all Standing Committees; have custody of its Constitution, By-Laws, and Corporate Seal, and conduct its correspondence; he shall also act as Librarian and Curator, and have the keeping of all books, pamphlets, manuscripts, and personal articles pertaining to the Society.

SECTION 3. The Treasurer shall collect and under the direction of the Trustees disburse, the funds of the Society, and shall keep regular accounts thereof, which shall be subject to the examination of the President and Trustees. He shall submit a statement thereof to the Trustees at each regular meeting.

SECTION 4. The Trustees shall have general charge of the affairs, funds, and property of the Society. It shall be their duty to carry out the objects and purposes thereof; and to this end they may exercise all the powers of the Society, subject to the Constitution, and to such action as the Society may take at its special or stated meetings.

SECTION 5. The Trustees shall have power to fill any vacancy which may occur from death or resignation among the officers of the Society, for the unexpired term of office vacated.

SECTION 6. The Trustees shall cause to be prepared annually a detailed statement of the financial condition of the Society, showing its receipts and expenditures for the current year, the number of members, and other matters of general interest to the Society, and a statement thereof shall be printed and a copy sent to each member ten days previous to the annual meeting.

SECTION 7. The Trustees shall, from time to time, make by-laws, rules, and regulations, and appoint standing committees and sub-committees on matters not herein determined.

ARTICLE VI.

Membership.

SECTION 1. Candidates for admission must be proposed by one member and seconded by another, and the member proposing a candidate shall state, in writing, the name of

the person proposed, his occupation, place of residence, and his qualifications for membership.

SECTION 2. The name of every candidate, with those of his proposers, shall be sent to the Secretary at least fifteen days, and by him sent to each Trustee at least ten days, before he is balloted for. Members shall be chosen by the Trustees, and no candidate for membership shall be elected unless he receive an affirmative vote of four-fifths of the Trustees present, and in every instance two black balls shall exclude.

SECTION 3. Any Trustee may, at the same meeting, move the reconsideration of a vote, either of admission or exclusion; but after an adjournment no rejected candidate shall be eligible for six months thereafter.

SECTION 4. The admission fee shall be five dollars. The annual subscription fee five dollars, payable in advance on the first day of April in each year. The Trustees shall have power to increase each of said amounts from time to time, but not to a sum greater than one hundred dollars for the admission fee and ten dollars for the annual subscription.

SECTION 5. Every person elected to membership, as a condition thereof, shall, within thirty days after being notified, pay to the Treasurer the amount of the admission fee and sign the Constitution; the Trustees may extend the time for the latter in special cases.

SECTION 6. Should any member neglect to pay his annual subscription until the first day of October next

thereafter following, he shall, *ipso facto*, cease to be a member of the Society, except, upon a reasonable excuse being given, and the payment of all dues, the Trustees shall see fit to remit such penalty.

SECTION 7. The Trustees shall have power, by a vote of a majority of its members, to suspend or forfeit the membership of any member of the Society for conduct on his part likely, in the opinion of the Trustees, to endanger the welfare, interest, or character of the Society, an opportunity being first given such member to be heard before the Trustees in his defense.

SECTION 8. Any person who shall cease to be a member of the Society shall forfeit all right or interest in the property of the Society.

ARTICLE VII.

Meetings.

SECTION 1. The annual meeting of the Society shall be held on such day as shall be named by the Trustees and adopted by them in the By-laws.

SECTION 2. No special meeting of the Society shall be called at any time except by order of the President, with the approval of three Trustees, or by the Secretary, whenever the President shall be thereunto requested in writing by twelve members, setting forth the purpose of such meet-

ing. At any such special meeting no business other than that specified in the call shall be considered, except by unanimous consent. At least ten days' notice shall be given to the members of all meetings of the Society.

SECTION 3. The Trustees shall hold quarterly meetings on the last Thursday of each March, June, September, and December.

SECTION 4. Special meetings of the Trustees may be called by the order of the President, or, in his absence, by the Vice-President for New York City.

ARTICLE VIII.

Notices.

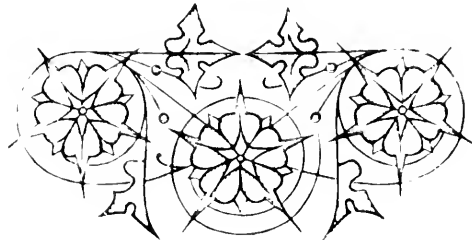
SECTION 1. All notices shall be sent to such address as shall be left with the Secretary. If no address be so given, such notices shall be sufficient if addressed to the member at his last known place of residence.

ARTICLE IX.

Amendments to the Constitution.

SECTION 1. To amend the Constitution, an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present at a general or special meeting shall be requisite.

SECTION 2. No amendment of the Constitution shall be voted upon until a copy thereof shall have been furnished to the Secretary at least three weeks before the meeting at which action is to be taken thereon: and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to cause the same to be printed and distributed to the members at the same time with the notice of such meeting.





By Laws of The Holland Society.

MAY 31, 1887.

1. ORDER OF BUSINESS.

At all meetings of the Society the order of business shall be as follows :

1. The reading and adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting.
2. Reports of officers.
3. Election of new members.
4. Nomination of new members.
5. Reports of committees.
6. Miscellaneous business.
7. The reading of papers, or delivery of addresses, before the Society.
8. Adjournment.

2. ABSENCE OF TRUSTEE.

Neglect on the part of any Trustee to attend three successive stated meetings of the Trustees shall be a tender of his resignation of office. But the Trustees may excuse any member for such neglect.

3. PROOF OF DESCENT.

Before being voted upon for membership, each candidate shall furnish satisfactory proof of his pedigree to the Committee on Genealogy, who shall report thereon to the Board of Trustees.

4. ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of this Society shall be held on Pinkster Tuesday at such place and hour as the President shall appoint, and at least ten days' notice of the same shall be sent to each member by the Secretary.

5. COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENT.

All standing committees and sub-committees shall be appointed by the President or other Chairman of the meeting, unless specially named in the resolution creating the committee, and the gentleman first named shall be Chairman of each committee. The standing committees shall be on Finance, on Genealogy, and on History and Tradition.

6. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance shall consist of three members, and shall, at least once in each year, and oftener if they choose, audit the accounts and vouchers of the Treas-

urer of this Society and report upon the same at the annual meeting of the Society, and oftener to the Board of Trustees as they may see fit, or as the latter may order.

7. COMMITTEE ON GENEALOGY.

It shall be the duty of the Committee on Genealogy to report to the Trustees upon the genealogy of candidates that may be submitted to them, and to collect and preserve, in accordance with the Constitution of this Society, information and documents relating to the genealogy of the members of this Society and of the Dutch settlers of New York and of the American colonies, and said committee may expend the funds of this Society for that purpose, but not to exceed a total amount of twenty-five dollars in any one quarter of a year, unless especially authorized by the Trustees. Said committee shall consist of three members.

8. COMMITTEE ON HISTORY AND TRADITION.

It shall be the duty of the Committee on History and Tradition to collect and preserve, in accordance with the Constitution of this Society, information, documents, books, and monuments relating to the history and tradition of the ancestry of the members of this Society, and of the Dutch settlers of New York and of the American colonies, and to print and publish the same and papers and essays relating to the same, copyrighting original publications for the benefit of this Society; and said committee may expend the funds of this Society for that purpose, but not to exceed a total amount of twenty-five dollars in any one quarter of a

year, unless especially authorized by the Trustees. Said committee shall consist of three members.

9. SPECIAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS.

A. All initiation fees received for this Society, together with ten per cent. of the amounts annually received for dues of this Society, shall be, and they hereby are, appropriated for a special fund, which, with such gifts and additions as may be made thereto, is hereby set apart as the building fund, to be applied to the erection of a suitable and, if possible, a self-supporting building as the future home of this Society; but such fund, or parts thereof, may, from time to time, be otherwise appropriated by the Board of Trustees.

B. Ten per cent. of the amount annually received for dues of this Society shall be, and they hereby are, appropriated to a special fund, which, with such gifts and additions as may be made thereto, is hereby set apart as a fund to be applied to the publication, in accordance with the Constitution of this Society, of a memorial history of the Dutch in America, such history to be copyrighted for the benefit of this Society, and to be prepared and published under the direction of the Committee on History and Tradition; but such fund, or parts thereof, may, from time to time, be otherwise appropriated by the Board of Trustees.

C. Ten per cent. of the amounts annually received for dues of this Society shall be, and they hereby are, appropriated to a special fund, which, with such gifts and additions as may be made thereto, is hereby set apart as a fund to be

applied, in the discretion of the President, the Treasurer, and the Vice-President for the Dutch Centre from which the deceased member may hail (or, wanting such Vice-President, then the Vice-President for New York City), or of a majority of them, to the decent burial of such members of this Society as may, from time to time, die in impoverished circumstances; but such funds, or parts thereof, may, from time to time, be otherwise appropriated by the Trustees.

10. CENTRES ENTITLED TO A VICE-PRESIDENT.

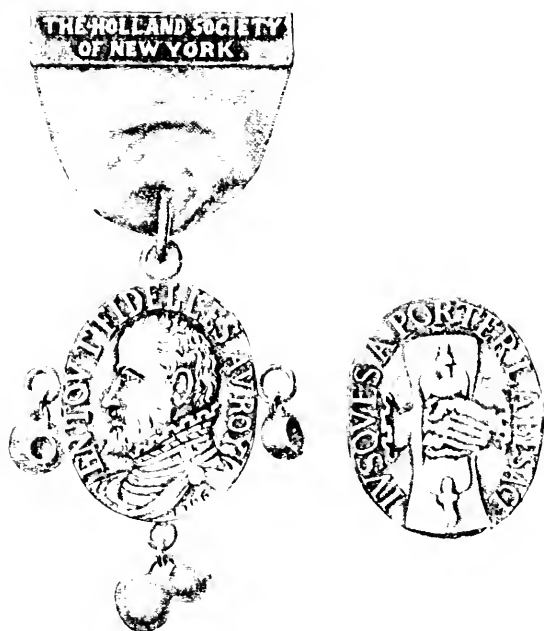
The original Dutch settlements in this country, each one of which is entitled to a Vice-President in this Society, are New York City, Brooklyn, Kinderhook, Kingston, Jersey City, Albany, Newtown, L. I., Poughkeepsie, Schenectady, Amsterdam, New Brunswick, N. J., Bergen County, N. J., Passaic County, N. J., Catskill, Tarrytown, Westchester County, N. Y., Rockland County, N. Y., Cobleskill, N. Y., Monmouth County, N. J., Somerset County, N. J., Minisink, N. Y., and such other localities as may hereafter be added to this list by the Trustees, or at a meeting of the Society.

11. AMENDMENT.

These By-Laws can only be altered, amended, or abrogated at a stated meeting of the Trustees, or at a meeting specially called for that purpose, and upon a notice of ten days to each Trustee by the Secretary, informing him of the proposed alteration, amendment, or abrogation, and then only upon the affirmative vote of a majority of members present. Provided, however, that each meeting may regulate and control its order of business.

BADGE OF
THE HOLLAND SOCIETY OF NEW YORK.

ADOPTED MARCH 30TH, 1887



The most significant medal, from an historical point of view, which was ever struck in Holland is the so called "Beggars' Medal." It is the memorial of the very first steps of that march towards civil and religious liberty in which the men of the Netherlands, after heroic struggles

finally led the world. And, therefore, it is a most appropriate token for us to wear, who have received in largest measure, in this New Republic, the benefits of the noble conflict of our Dutch forefathers.

In Bizot's "Medallie History of the Republic of Holland," published at Amsterdam in 1690, the place of honor is given to this famous "Geuzenpenning." The following description of its origin is translated from that work, with a few additions from the accounts given by Prof. J. W. Kitchin, of Oxford:

"In the year 1565, immediately after the decrees of the Council of Trent were promulgated, Philip II. determined to put them in force throughout his dominions. Accordingly he now made a more vehement attack upon the reformers; and then it was, in 1566, that the Netherland nobles, led by Count Brederode, signed the famous 'Compromise,' with which the open rebellion of the provinces begins. Margaret of Parma was Philip's regent in the Low Countries. Before her Brederode appeared with the Protest against the Inquisition and other innovations which the King proposed to introduce into Holland. He was accompanied by three hundred noblemen, who had bound themselves together for the preservation of the Liberties of the Provinces. The Duchess of Parma appeared to be much disturbed at the sight of such a multitude of noble remonstrants, but the Count of Barlemont, who stood beside her, begged her not to be alarmed, 'For,' said he, in French, 'they are only beggars.'

"The next day, the 6th of April, 1566, as the confederates were sitting together at dinner, and talking of a name for their new Party, they remembered Barlemont's sneer, and

cried out, 'Vivent les Gueux,'—'Hurrah for the Beggars!' When dinner was over, Brederode, having hung a beggar's wallet around his neck, filled a wooden bowl with wine and drank the health of the company, declaring that, for his part, he was ready to sacrifice life, property, everything, in defense of his country's freedom. The room rang with applause,—'Hurrah for the Beggars!' The cup was passed from hand to hand. Every man drank the same toast and made the same pledge of devotion. And thus it was that the name of the Gueux, or Beggars, which has become famous throughout Europe, had its origin at a social feast; for it often happens that the most important and serious affairs begin amid jests and laughter.

"Soon afterward the men of the new party appeared at Brussels, dressed in coarse gray cloth, with wooden cups attached to their belts, AND WITH THIS MEDAL HANGING ABOUT THEIR NECKS."

One of these medals was worn by William of Orange at the time of his assassination.

The following is the description, translated by the Secretary, Mr. Geo. W. Van Sieten, from Van Loon's "*Nederlandsche Penningen*":

"The nobles assembled several times in different places to find methods to protect the liberties of their country from the perils which menaced them from all sides. Those who showed themselves most zealous and most ardent upon these occasions were Henri de Brederode; Louis of Nassau, brother of the Prince of Orange; Florent de Pallant, Count of Culembourg; and William, Count of Bergen. They pushed the affair so far that meetings were held, first in Breda, and afterward at Hoogstraten.

“ At the latter place several discontented nobles projected an alliance, which, going from hand to hand, was in a short time accepted and signed by more than four hundred persons, all of whom promised to be in Brussels on a certain day. To give greater *clat* to this league, Henry of Brederode, as chief of the confederates, found it convenient to make his entry into that city on the 3d of April, A. D. 1566, accompanied by Count Louis of Nassau and many nobles, followed by a great number of servants. The fourth day of that month was employed in preparations and in awaiting the Counts of Bergen and of Culembourg. Although the following day these lords had not yet arrived, the confederates did not delay in demanding an audience. It was granted to them, and the Princess Regent appointed the hour of noon to avoid the tumultuous concourse of the populace.

“ The time named being near, Brederode and Count Louis were seen to leave the residence of Culembourg and to walk with a decent gravity toward the court, preceded by more than three hundred gentlemen, of whom they themselves formed the last rank. When they arrived before the Duchess, Brederode spoke for all, and, having finished his harangue, he presented to Her Highness a petition signed in the name of all that illustrious troop. In this petition, after having represented their obedience and their fidelity to the King, they declared that, notwithstanding the hatred that their procedure would very likely draw upon them, they would risk, in the service of the King, showing to Her Highness the dangerous condition of affairs, and warning her, if the protection of the Inquisition were continued, of the terrible consequences which they foresaw would shake

the State to its foundations. They demanded secondly that the edict of the King relating to the Inquisition, and relating to religion in general, be reformed by the Assembly of the States-General, and that, while awaiting this, the execution of this edict should be suspended, as a protection against the sad evils of which they were already, and of which they would be more and more, the fertile source.

“The Regent, hiding as well as possible the uneasiness and indignation which this affair caused her, received the petition, and replied to the supplicants that she would examine into their demands with the Lords of the Council, and that in a short time she would let them know her decision. With this response the confederate lords returned to Culembourg’s residence in the same order and with the same gravity with which they had left it.

“After the Regent had deliberated on the petition of the nobles, that Princess replied the following day in writing that she would represent to the King their first demand in the most favorable manner possible, but that she was obliged to refuse absolutely the second, because the matter was not in her power.

“While this affair was thus treated at the palace of the Princess, the populace insulted the confederate nobles by the opprobrious epithet of *gueux*, which those who understood French badly changed into *guzen*, which afterward became very common as the name of a party or sect. Others say that the author of this sobriquet was the Baron of Barlemont, who, seeing the Regent surprised at the sight of so many nobles, tried to encourage her by saying, ‘*Ce ne sont que des gueux.*’ However that may be, this name was received by the nobles as a precious epithet, and

soon became the most honorable title of that illustrious league.

“ The 6th of April, Brederode, being at dinner with other lords of his party at Culembourg’s, put around his neck a wallet, and filling with wine a wooden cup, like that worn by the beggars, made all the guests follow his example. He declared to them at the same time that, while always remaining faithful to his King, not only would he risk everything in defense of the liberties of the country, although he might be reduced to carrying a wallet, but he was even ready to give up his life in so good a cause. All those who were at the feast, having in turn taken the wallet and the cup, made the same declaration one after the other, in the midst of a continual cry of *‘Vivent les gueux!’* ”

“ Several of these nobles appeared the next day in the streets dressed in gray frieze, and carrying at the girdle, as a badge of honor, a small wallet and a little wooden cup or calabash.

“ Then (A. D. 1566) as now (A. D. 1732) the wooden bowl was in Brabant, like the wallet, a distinctive mark, and, so to speak, a livery of beggars. Furnished with this necessary utensil of their profession, they went certain days of the week to the cloisters, where, after having taken part in the catechising, they each received, according as he had answered well or badly, a portion of soup left over by the monks.

“ It was by this low and despised method that the Professor, Thomas Stapleton, was able to reach the highest degree of erudition, notwithstanding his poverty and low birth. Sure, thanks to his porringer, of victuals which were absolutely necessary to him, he applied himself first to the

languages, and afterwards to the higher sciences, with such success that he was honored with the most distinguished professorship in the University of Louvain. He never forgot his porringer. In the feasts which they gave when he was elevated to this important charge, not only did he then cause the first toast to be drunk in that cup, then ornamented with a foot of silver, but he desired that after his death it should be added to the rich ornaments of his marble tomb, as an example and as a beacon for other distinguished men of genius, the meanness of whose extraction might seem to condemn them to darkness.

“The reader must pardon me this digression, which I would not have made but from the same motive which caused this great man to parade his beggar’s bowl.

“The gourd or bottle had its origin from the usage made of it by the pilgrims — that class of people who, to perform a penance or to fulfill certain vows, undertake a journey to the distant shrine of some saint, like that of St. James in Spain or of Loretto in Italy. They are obliged to go there begging by the way, and they carry this bottle-gourd, or calabash, attached to the girdle for the purpose of carrying water for their use when they have to traverse dry and arid parts of the country. For this reason these allied nobles made use both of the porringer and the wallet as an emblem of poverty and to turn into pleasantry the name of beggars which had been given to them with so much indignity. This is not all. These lords, wishing to engrave on each other’s memory the vow which each had made to defend the privileges of the country, even to carrying the wallet, took pride in wearing on the breast certain medals attached to ribbons, and very often joined with a porringer and a gourd.”

The form adopted by the Holland Society is a fac-simile of the one to which are attached two such porringers and a gourd or bottle, and shows on its face the armed bust of Philip II. of Spain, with the first half of the motto "EX TOIT FIDELES AU ROI," and on the reverse two wallets, between the straps of which are two hands joined, with the remainder of the motto, "JUSQU'À PORTER LA BESACE," together with the date, 1566, the figures of which are, however, separated, one in each corner formed by the crossed hands and wallets.

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